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PASS: TREASURY FOR BOWDEN, INTERIOR FOR O'MEARA,
AGRICULTURE FOR WEST

E.O.: 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: USDA TRAINING SPECIALISTS VISIT; GENERAL PROBLEMS OF
COMMUNICATION

REF : A. STATE 121424; B. STATE 112461; C. JIDDA 2203

1. REF A PROPOSED VISIT OF USDA TRAINING SPECIALISTS BE
DISCUSSED WITH DEPMINAG TAHER OBAID. OBAID WILL WELCOME
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH TEAM. EMBASSY LIAISON OFFICER
DOES NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT OBAID IS PREPARED TO DIS-
CUSS TRAINING PROGRAMS IN ANY MORE THAN GENERAL TERMS.

2. REF B SUMMARIZED A LETTER, DATED MAY 7, ON DEMINERAL-
IZATION (RIYADH) FROM O'MEARA TO OBAID. LETTER STILL NOT
RECEIVED. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE RETRANSMIT LETTER.
MOST EXPEDITIOUS METH: C/O SHIRL MCARTHUR, AMERICAN
EMBASSY, APO NEW YORK 09038.

3. ALSO ON COMMUNICATION, OBAID IS STILL WAITING FOR
LETTER SENT IN APRIL FROM QUENTIN WEST, USDA, OUTLINING
QUALIFICATIONS OF PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL PROJECT TEAM
LEADER. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE RETRANSMIT THROUGH
ABOVE CHANNEL.

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4. EMBASSY IS ALSO CONCERNED THAT SO MUCH BUSINESS IS

BEING TRANSMITTED DIRECTLY FROM INTERIOR AND AGRICULTURE TO THE SAG. WE HOPE STATE AND TREASURY ARE BEING KEPT FULLY INFORMED AND THAT THEY HAVE COPIES OF LETTERS CUH AS THESE. WE ALSO WANT TO RECEIVE COPIES OF ALL SUCH COMMUNICATIONS, HOWEVER. EXAMPLE OF COMMUNICATIONS WHICH EMBASSY WOULD LIKE ROUTINE COPY OF (CLEARLY THESE MESSAGES DO NOT REQUIRE EMBASSY APPROVAL AS SUCH) ARE TWO TREASURY TELEXES FOR DELIVERY TO DR. TURKI AND OBAID, DATED MAY 13. WE RECEIVED COPIES OF SUCH TELEXES FROM EMB LIAISON OFFICER IN RIYADH, BUT ONLY AFTER SIGNIFICANT DELAY. ACTION REQUESTED: COORDINATE PROCEDURES BETWEEN AGENCIES INVOLVED IN WASHINGTON SIDE OF JOINT COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT EMBASSY RECEIVES COPIES OF COMMUNICATIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE MENTIONED ABOVE AND IN PARAS 2 AND 3.

5. IN ORDER TO REDUCE WAITING TIME BETWEEN QUERY AND RESPONSE IN CASES SUCH AS THAT RAISED IN REF. A, EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO TELEX DIRECTLY TO RIYADH. IF TELEX IS CLEARLY DATED, AND IF IT CONTAINS A REFERENCE TO IDENTICAL MESSAGE BEING SENT TO EMBASSY, EMB. LIAISON OFFICER IN RIYADH CAN PROCEED WITHOUT DELAY TO CONTACT RELEVANT SAUDI OFFICIAL.

6. EMBASSY RAISED WITH ROSEN OF TREASURY NEED FOR NUMBER-ING SYSTEM ON TELEX MESSAGES FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL AND COORDINATION BETWEEN EMBASSY AND LIAISON OFFICER (AND ULTIMATELY WITH USREP OFFICE). ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE COORDINATE WITH TREASURY METHOD OF RECORDING TELEX MESSAGES. DESIGNATION OF SUBJECT BEFORE TEXT OF MESSAGE WILL ALSO FACILITATE HANDLING.

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